

REMARKS

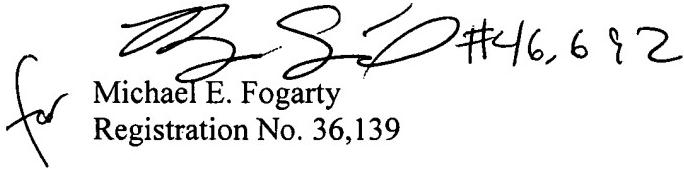
The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 22, 28 and 42 is acknowledged and appreciated. In order to expedite allowance, each of claims 22, 28 and 42 have been amended into independent form and the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer (Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application therefor).

Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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